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SUBJ: KOREAN PRODUCTION OF MISSILE GUIDANCE COMPONENTS (U)

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1. CH, JUSMAG-K RAISED QUESTION OF FINANCING "PLANT" MENTIONED
REFTEL 30 MARCH WITH LT. GEN. YI BOM CHUN, ASSISTANT MINISTER
FOR DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. GEN YI WAS NOT AWARE OF THE GOLD
STAR PRECISION INDUSTRIES (GSPI) REQUEST, AND TELEPHONED
GSPI VICE PRESIDENT SOHN, WHO HEADS THE SILVER RIVER MISSILE
MAINTENANCE DEPOT AT GUMI FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

2. INFORMATION RELAYED FROM VP SOHN INDICATES THAT THE
LUCKY GROUP HAD CONTACTED CONTINENTAL CARBON, A FIRM
ENGAGED IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE LUCKY GROUP, TO RAISE
ABOUT \$306,000 ADDITIONAL OPERATING CAPITAL FOR THE GSPI
SILVER RIVER MISSILE MAINTENANCE DEPOT. ACCORDING TO
VP SOHN, CAPITAL IS INTENDED TO EXPAND EXISTING CAPACITY
AND DOES NOT INVOLVE ATTAINMENT OF ANY NEW CAPABILITY.
ACCORDING TO MND, FUNDS WILL BE USED TO EXPAND SILVER
RIVER DEPOT, WHICH INVOLVES FMS CASE PROJECTS UNDER
EXISTING LICENSING AGREEMENTS.

3. GSPI, AS AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR ROK GOVERNMENT, IS
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ENGAGED IN DEVELOPING A MISSILE MAINTENANCE DEPOT AT
GUMI FACILITY, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE SILVER RIVER
DEPOT. REFERENCE TO "MISSILE GUIDANCE COMPONENTS" IS
THEREFORE MISLEADING. ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS DEPOT IS
A USG APPROVED ACTIVITY AND IS SUPPORTED THROUGH FMS
CASES AS WELL AS CONTRACTOR TO CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP.
DEPOT IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING FULL FLEDGED CAPABILITY

FOR DEPOT MAINTENANCE AND REBUILD OF NIKE-HERCULES,
HAWK, AND AIM-9 MISSILES AND PRODUCTION OF VULCAN
RADARS UNDER CO-PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENT WITH AEL EMTECH.
WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER CURRENT ROK PLAN, DEPOT LEVEL
MISSILE MAINTENANCE FOR ALL ROK FORCES WILL BE LOCATED
AT THIS PLANT. EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES WOULD
BE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SUCH A MISSION.
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